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USC TABBED TO WIN PAC-10 IN PRESEASON MEDIA POLL (AGAIN)

LOS ANGELES, Calif.--Five-time defending Pac-10 champion USC is a near-unanimous choice to win the 2008 Pacific-10 Conference football title in a preseason poll of West Coast media members who regularly cover the league. The Trojans were listed in the top spot by 38 of the 39 voters participating in the poll. It marks the sixth consecutive year the Trojans have been the choice to win the title. USC has won or shared the last five Pac-10 titles and has two National Championships and a national runner-up finish in the last five years. The Trojans fashioned an 11-2 mark last season, capped by a 49-17 rout of Illinois in the Rose Bowl. Defending Pac-10 co-champion ARIZONA STATE is picked to finish second in the poll, with OREGON edging CALIFORNIA for third place. The Golden Bears received the lone first-place vote not cast for the Trojans. The media poll has correctly selected the Conference Champion in 25 of 47 previous polls, including the last eight years in a row. Following are the results of the preseason media poll (points 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, first-place votes in parentheses):

1. USC (38) 389
2. Arizona State 330
3. Oregon 295
4. California (1) 274
5. UCLA 204
6. Oregon State 192
7. Arizona 185
8. Washington 139
9. Stanford 76
10. Washington State 61

POLL NOTES: Preseason media poll has correctly picked the Conference champion 25 of 47 times and has been very accurate of late in correctly identifying the Conference champ the last eight years in a row. . . . USC becomes the first school to top the media poll for six straight years since the Trojans had an 18-year run atop the poll from 1965-1982. . . . Defending Pac-10 co-champion ARIZONA STATE is picked to finish second, the Sun Devils highest pre-season slot since being picked second in 2003.

PRESEASON PAC-10 FOOTBALL MEDIA POLL

<u>Year</u>	<u>Media Poll Pick</u>	<u>Actual Finish</u>	<u>Rose Bowl/BCS Representative</u>	<u>Predicted Finish</u>
1961	UCLA	1st	UCLA	1st
1962	Washington	2nd	USC	2nd
1963	USC	2nd	Washington	2nd
1964	Washington	3rd	Oregon State	6th
1965	USC	2nd	UCLA	7th
1966	USC	1st	USC	1st
1967	USC	1st	USC	1st
1968	USC	1st	USC	1st
1969	USC	1st	USC	1st
1970	USC	6th	Stanford	2nd
1971	USC	2nd	Stanford	2nd
1972	USC	1st	USC	1st
1973	USC	1st	USC	1st
1974	USC	1st	USC	1st
1975	USC	5th	UCLA	3rd
1976	USC	1st	USC	1st
1977	USC	2nd	Washington	3rd
1978	USC	1st	USC	1st
1979	USC	1st	USC	1st
1980	USC	3rd	Washington	3rd
1981	USC	2nd	Washington	4th
1982	USC	3rd	UCLA	3rd
1983	Arizona	5th	UCLA	5th
1984	UCLA	3rd	USC	3rd
1985	USC	4th	UCLA	5th
1986	UCLA	2nd	Arizona State	4th
1987	UCLA	2nd	USC	4th
1988	UCLA	2nd	USC	2nd
1989	USC	1st	USC	1st
1990	Washington	1st	Washington	1st
1991	Washington	1st	Washington	1st
1992	Washington	1st	Washington	1st
1993	Washington	4th	UCLA	6th
1994	Arizona	2nd	Oregon	8th
1995	USC	1st	USC	1st
1996	USC	5th	Arizona State	2nd
1997	Washington	4th	Washington State	7th
1998	UCLA	1st	UCLA	1st
1999	Arizona	6th	Stanford	8th
2000	Washington	1st	Washington	1st
2001	Oregon	1st	Oregon	1st
2002	Washington St.	1st	Washington State	1st
2003	USC	1st	USC	1st
2004	USC	1st	USC	1st
2005	USC	1st	USC	1st
2006	USC	1st	USC	1st
2007	USC	1st	USC	1st
2008	USC			

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